

### Gift Bags

Thank-you to everyone who contributed to items to go in the gift bags for those who had been nominated to receive them. Thank-you also to those who organised the bags and delivered them. Also grateful thanks go to the Co-op on London Road who gave us some money towards putting these together. The recipients were extremely appreciative.

### Thank You

Thank you to Pennell's Four Seasons for the kind donation of our Christmas tree again this year.

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### Count Your Blessings – from New Year's Day

Get a jar and during the year fill it with slips of paper with handwritten messages of things that you have been grateful for. Next New Year's Eve read the messages you have put in during the year and remember all the things you have been thankful for in 2022.



A very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to you all.

## St. Botolph's Church, Quarrington

### Notices for 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

#### Church Services – January 2022

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	11am All Age Worship
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11am All Communion
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	11am Holy Communion
	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11am Celtic Praise with Communion

#### Upcoming Dates for your Diary

##### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January

2pm Mission and Ministry meeting in the Church Room

##### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January

7pm Fabric Committee on zoom

##### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

2pm Ladies' Group meet in the Church Room

##### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January

10am Cornerstone

7pm PrayerLine meets in church

##### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January

2pm – 6pm – PCC planning day in the Church Community Hall

##### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

7pm Light-hearted quiz in the Church Community Hall

##### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January

2pm Wedding of Mark Chester and Hayley Flinn

#### BEING A LOCAL MISSION CHURCH

Write a message of appreciation to someone who has helped you recently. Include a prayer for the person e.g. Thank-you so much for ..... It was really kind of you and made me feel special. In return, I would like to share God's blessings with you and will include you in my prayers.

## Morning Prayer

Morning prayer will resume tomorrow on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Please continue to say Morning Prayer on your own during this time.

You can find it online at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

## Clergy Leave

Rev Mark will be on leave from Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January inclusive.

## Covid Restrictions

The Standing Committee of the PCC has met to discuss the latest guidance from the Church of England. Your safety is our main concern and changes may have to be made at short notice. At present, we are planning to continue with our services but ask that, unless you are exempt, you wear a facemask throughout the services, including during singing. Hand gel will be at the entrance to church for everyone to sanitise their hands. Coffee will continue to be served after Sunday morning services using the controls we already have in place but please do not congregate at the back of church and leave space when queuing.

If you test positive with Covid19 shortly after attending a service, please contact Rev Mark Thomson on 01529 306776. Emails to inform you will be sent to those for whom we have contact details or telephone calls will be made to those without email.

Thank-you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

## Christmas Trail

The Follow the Star Trail is running from 18<sup>th</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Collect a map from church and follow the trail to find the clues. There is a chocolate stop too!

## Book Group

The next meeting is on 11<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm in the Church Room. We are reading The Ashes of London by Andrew Taylor. Please talk to Jennifer for more details.

## A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, as we start a new year, help us to focus our energies and attention on you so that we can be your hands on earth. Let all that we do and all that we say be as if we are doing it for you.

## 20 Guided Prayers and Short Talks to Start Your Year Focused on God

Available on the Lincoln Diocesan website

What you get:

- 10 guided audio prayer times led by Michelle Eyre, to help bring clarity and calm as you start the new year
- Learn how Christ-centred mindfulness can help you experience more peace
- Bible-based exploration to help you be attentive and focused on God
- Pray at a time to suit you – invest from just 10 minutes a day to centre yourself on God alongside a praying community
- 10 short talks from Shaun Lambert – a Baptist Minister, psychotherapist, author and mindfulness researcher based at the Scargill Community, Yorkshire, UK
- Is mindfulness biblical?
- How does practising mindfulness help us avoid distractions?
- How does it help us draw closer to God?

Follow this link to register:

<https://discoveringprayer.com/christ-centred-mindfulness>

